

TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE
Transcriber's Office
FLOOR DEBATE

March 3, 2004 LB 309, 962, 1048, 1083, 1093, 1104

purporting...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Beutler. I'm sorry.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Mr. Clerk, items for the record, or announcements?

ASSISTANT CLERK: Thank you, Mr. President. Your Committee on Health and Human Services reports LB 1083 to General File with amendments. Education reports LB 1093 and LB 1104 to General File with amendments. Committee on General Affairs reports LB 309 to General File with amendments. Finally, I have amendments from Senator Raikes to LB 1048 to be printed. (Legislative Journal pages 858-864.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Janssen, you're recognized.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. You know, I was just sitting here, listening to the debate, and our colleagues in other states are probably...are debating other issues, you know, and how fortunate we are in this state of Nebraska to have such an abundance of water in our natural resources. Other states would love to be arguing about a problem like this. I just want you all to remember, you know, you may think, well, we're wasting our time here; not really, because of Nebraska's situation over the Ogallala water table that we enjoy so much in this state. I look at my district with the sandpits. Senator Jensen and I were just talking about the good times we've had at the Fremont State Lakes. They wouldn't be there if we didn't have that natural resource to enjoy in this state. And I commend Senator Beutler and Senator Schrock and Senator Chambers, trying to protect the resources that we have. The argument gets a little lengthy at times, and I realize that, but it is one of our best assets we have to sell to people to move to this state. I believe that's about all I have and, Senator Schrock, I don't want to be biased to anyone, so I'll give you the remainder of my time.